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Request following regulation of Secretary of Defense
to be transmitted to Soviet Government:

"Pursuant to Proclamation of the President of October
23, 1962, on the 'Interdiction of the Delivery of Offensive
Weapons to Cuba' the Secretary of Defense has today issued
the following submarine surfacing and identification
procedures when in contact with US quarantine forces in the

general vicinity of Cuba. US Forces coming in contact with
unidentified submerged submarines will make the following
signals to inform the sub that he may surface in order to
identify himself:
Signals Follow - Quarantine Forces will drop four or five
harmless explosive sound signals which may be accompanied
by the international code signal "I D K C A" meaning "rise
to surface." This sonar signal is normally made on underwater
communications equipment in the 8 KC frequency range.

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Procedure on receipt of signal:

Submerged submarines, on hearing this signal, should surface on easterly course.

Signals and procedures employed are harmless."

Other governments being similarly informed.

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